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MEMORANDUM

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TO:

The Commission

THROUGH: James A. Pehrkon

Staff Director

FROM:

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Director, ADR Office

BY:

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SUBJECT:

ADR 207 Cannon for Congress, et al

Settlement Agreements

Attached for your review are two signed negotiated ADR Settlement Agreements pertaining to ADR 207 (MUR 5464), Cannon for Congress, Curtis S. Bramble, Treasurer, Christopher Cannon, Marco Diaz and Jose L. Rivera ("Respondents" or the "Committee"). This case was opened on June 16, 2004 and was assigned to the ADR Office on February 8, 2004.

SUMMARY: Complainant Russell Sias alleges that during a broadcast of KBJA Radio UNICA, a Spanish Language radio station, Congressman Christopher Cannon, Marco Diaz, Congressman Cannon's Legislative Aide and the host for the program, Jose L. Rivera encouraged listeners to make political contributions even if they were foreign nationals, or make the contributions in the name of a citizen of the United States, including minor children. The Cannon Respondents contend there appears to be some discrepancies in the translation of the broadcast provided by Complainant. While most of the differences are not significant, the Cannon Respondents specifically point out the error where the translation filed with the complaint shows Congressman Cannon agreeing to Respondent Rivera's solicitations for any and all sources of funds. Respondent Rivera stated that while he may have misspoke about who can contribute, the Cannon Respondents corrected him later in the program. Respondent United Broadcasting Company stated that it leases KBJA AM 1640 to "Radio UNICA" and has no knowledge of the program referenced in the complaint, as it is not involved with the management or operation of KBJA.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1. Approve the attached Settlement Agreement of Cannon for Congress and Curtis S. Bramble, Treasurer, Christopher Cannon and Marco Diaz.
- 2. Approve the attached Settlement Agreement of Jose L. Rivera.
- 3. Dismiss the complaint as it pertains to United Broadcasting Company (dba KBJA radio).
- 4. Send the appropriate letters.
- 5. Close the file.